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129. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel J. C. M. SHAW-STEWART, R.E., Consulting Engineer for Railways, to Major-General G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 5th December 1876, No. 593 :—

In reply to the questions raised in the Order of Government, dated the 1st instant, 5. the Railway officials report that if sanction were obtained for the construction of the short link in their system between Chingleput and Conjeveram, the earthwork could be commenced within a fortnight; and that employment could be provided for 1,000 unskilled laborers during a period of at least four months. I may mention that the Railway Engineer stationed at Chingleput reports that he daily has to send away about 500 people seeking work there.

2. Work could also be begun within a fortnight on the conversion of the Arconum-Conjeveram line; and employment probably provided for 1,000 unskilled laborers during a period of at least one month.

3. These replies from the Railway officials do not take into consideration the delay which must occur in acquiring possession of the land. The Government will probably consider it desirable to put in force Act X of 1870; and under Section 17 of that Act a delay of at least fifteen days after the publication by the Collector of the notice required under Section 9 is unavoidable. The notice in question cannot be prepared by the Collector until he is placed in possession of the particulars of the land required. The Railway authorities have been urged to submit the land schedules without delay.

4. In connection with the proposed execution of the earthwork upon these sections as Famine Relief Works, it has been pointed out by the Railway authorities that the cost of the work if executed under such circumstances will in all probability greatly exceed its cost if executed by contract in the usual manner, and the question has been raised as to how the excess is to be dealt with. Probably the simplest arrangement would be that the work should be marked out and measured by the Railway Engineer, and paid for by an officer of Government as it proceeds. Upon completion the earthwork could be handed over to the South Indian Railway Company at a fixed rate.

No. 130. ORDER THEREON, 6th December 1876, No. 3,299.

RAILWAY, No. 14.

THE arrangement suggested as to the cost for conversion of Arconum line suggested by the Consulting Engineer is approved.

2. Immediate steps should be taken in communication with the Revenue Department for obtaining the land as urgently required.

(True Extract.)

G. W. Walker
Major-General, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

to the Consulting Engineer for Railways.
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issue immediate instructions
for the taking
up of the lands
required as proposed.

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